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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REISSUE APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted of even date with a reissue application for US Patent 6,349,670. Please enter this amendment prior to further examination of the application. The Claims begin on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 4.

This application claims the benefit of priority to Japanese Patent Application 10-340806, filed November 30, 1998. The priority claim was perfected during the prosecution of US Application Serial No.: 09/442,539, which issued as the subject patent.

This reissue application is not the subject of any concurrent proceedings.